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November 14, 2007 MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Glen Frost opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

MDT OPENING COMMENTS

1. New Specification Revisions. MDT announced that ten specifications and specials were sent out for review as of November 8, 2007 and briefly explained each proposed specification change. No consensus was determined since the comment period will be open till November 31.

105.08.5 Survey Tolerances – MCA commented the subgrade tolerance range may be tough to meet in areas of larger rock.

108.03.1 Schedules – MCA commented that the proposed change would be difficult to meet due to permitting and equipment / scheduling issues. MCA strongly opposed the changes. MDT pointed out that Contractors are required to sign the contract stating they will follow all requirements and complete the project in the time allotted. MDT also asked that Contractors use the Q&A forum if the time looks inadequate (merely stating there is not enough time without providing details will likely not result in additional time). It was also asked if the Contractors did not have adequate time based on the contract itself, or if it is based on their operations and other projects and commitments.

401.03.12 Compaction – MCA had no comments

203.03.1 Stepped Slopes – MCA had no comments

701.11 Glass Cullets – MCA had no comments

301.03.5 Compaction – MCA had no comments

620.03.3.D Striping – MCA was concerned that the option to skip temporary striping on the final lift would be tough to bid. MCA will submit a formal comment to MDT with suggestions.

203.03.2 Embankment Compaction – MCA had no comment

559.03 Piling – MCA disagreed with a pay issue regarding the re-drive of piles. MDT stated that the intent is to pay for additional length driven as before and agreed to reword the specification to avoid the confusion.

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MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. **Ride Specification** – MDT announced that changes to the ride specification are in the makings. Some items proposed for change are removal of the courtesy test, and the three day time frame for testing. MCA had minimal comments.
2. **High Visibility Clothing** – MDT announced that a high visibility clothing spec will be coming in the future and details will be provided as soon as possible. This is a federal requirement. MCA commented that the deadline for the clothing is November 2008.
3. **Rescheduling of meetings** – MDT suggested to change dates on next month's meeting. The tentative date for next meeting is Dec 6, 2007 at 1:00 pm.
4. **Millings Specifications.** MDT proposed that a specification regarding millings is in the works. The spec would require that the millings be uniform, eliminating large chunks of pavement.

AGGENDA

1. **Planholders List.** MCA requested that a planholders list be available to them on the website. MDT is reviewing the costs and software involved to automate this process.
2. **Subcontracts.** MDT mentioned that SiteXchange will greatly simplify the submittal process for subcontracts. For this reason, a threshold will not be pursued. MDT will give a presentation at the next meeting showing SiteXchange. A specification enabling its use will be distributed shortly.
3. **Erosion Control – BMP's.** MDT plans to move towards Lump Sum Erosion Control by early 2008. MCA was to put together some of their concerns in writing and send them to MDT, and to date MDT has not received any comments. MDT has potential pilot projects planned for 2008.
4. **Drilled Shafts Specification.** MDT has revised the drilled shaft special provision and it is out on the website under the Bridge Special Provisions at the location below.

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/other/bridge/external/special-provisions/Br201.50.doc>

The next meeting will tentatively be December 6, 2007, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the MCA Office.